

Nature Quest: FLOWERS



Go on a Nature Quest to see which flowers you can find around your neighborhood!

Kit contains:

- Flower dial template
- Brass fastener

You will need: scissors and a sharp pencil, thumbtack, or nail for poking holes.



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INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Assemble your Flower Identifier using the directions on the template.
- (2) Can you find all eight flowers outside around your neighborhood? When you see them, act like a scientist and **observe**. What colors are the flowers? Do they smell nice? Are there lots or just a few?



WHY LOOK AT FLOWERS?

Flowers are necessary for pollination so new plants can grow! There are over 400,000 of types of flowering plants to help make our world beautiful!

- **Annual Flowers:** Flowers that only last for one year (usually spring through fall).
- **Perennial Flowers:** Flowers that grow back year after year.

Coneflower: A perennial flower native to North America. Purple coneflower is the most common type, but there are other colors.



Sunflower: An annual flower that often grows to be 12 feet tall! There are many varieties of sunflowers. They have even been grown in space!

Salvia: A perennial flower that is usually purple. These flowers can attract hummingbirds and are part of the mint family.

Hydrangea: A perennial flower that grows on a bush. Hydrangeas can be pink, purple, blue, white, or light green.

Daylily: There are many kinds of daylilies, which is a perennial flower. They come in almost every color. Daylilies only bloom for one day.



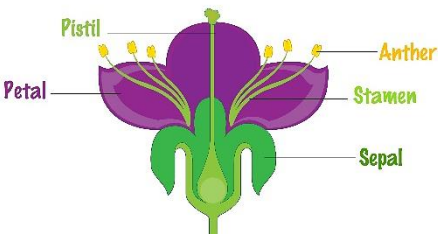
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Geranium: An annual flower that comes in shades of pinks, reds, and white. They grow well in containers.

Daisy: A perennial flower that comes in several varieties and colors. Common daisies are yellow and white, but Gerbera Daisies can be many colors.

Marigold: These annual flowers are orange, yellow, or red. Marigolds are symbolic in many countries and cultures, and they're also edible!



In the Chicago area, we are lucky to have two of the best places to learn more about flowers: The Chicago Botanic Garden and The Garfield Park Conservatory. The Garfield Park Conservatory is free and there is a fee for The Chicago Botanic Garden (the library has discounted passes available). Both are wonderful places to visit!